



## Who is this Son of Man?

John 12:20-50

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Life Change: We glorify God

I was lost in Venice...

### Jesus fulfills the feasts

20-26

Watershed choice: do I hate my life in this world?

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### Jesus came to show God's glory

27-36

Watershed choice: do I pray & work for God's glory?

### Jesus fulfills the prophets

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Watershed choice: do I love God's praise?

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### Jesus came to bring salvation

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Watershed choice: will I submit to God's word?

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QUESTIONS FOR JESUS IN JOHN 5-12

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**Campo Santa Margherita**



**Campo San Barnaba**





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**God physically  
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**John 7**

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“I am the bread  
of life.”

John the Baptist’s  
“He is the lamb of  
God!”

*I Am*

Andhe, 2020



**Cosa c'entra  
questo con i  
Gentili?**



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**<sup>6</sup> On this mountain,  
the Lord of Armies will prepare for all the peoples a feast of  
choice meat,  
a feast with aged wine, prime cuts of choice meat, fine  
vintage wine.**

**<sup>7</sup> On this mountain  
he will swallow up the burial shroud,  
the shroud over all the peoples,  
the sheet covering all the nations.**

**Isaiah 25 CSB**



**All nations would believe and gather at Mount Zion to feast with the Lord (Isa 25:6-8, 56:1-8, 66:18-20; Zech 14:16-19; cf Isa 2:2-4). As the Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles) was the completion of the annual cycle of religious pilgrimages (Ex 23:14-17), so also the ingathering of the Gentiles was to be the ultimate culmination of the story of God's people.**

**– Dan Claire, “The Triumphal Entry in John”**



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**That means the day has begun when even Gentiles who trust Messiah can be justified by God’s grace AND sanctified.**



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**34 Then the crowd replied to him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah will remain forever. So how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”**

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**<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of  
selfish ambition or  
conceit, but in humility  
consider others as  
more important than  
yourselves.**

**Philippians 2 CSB**

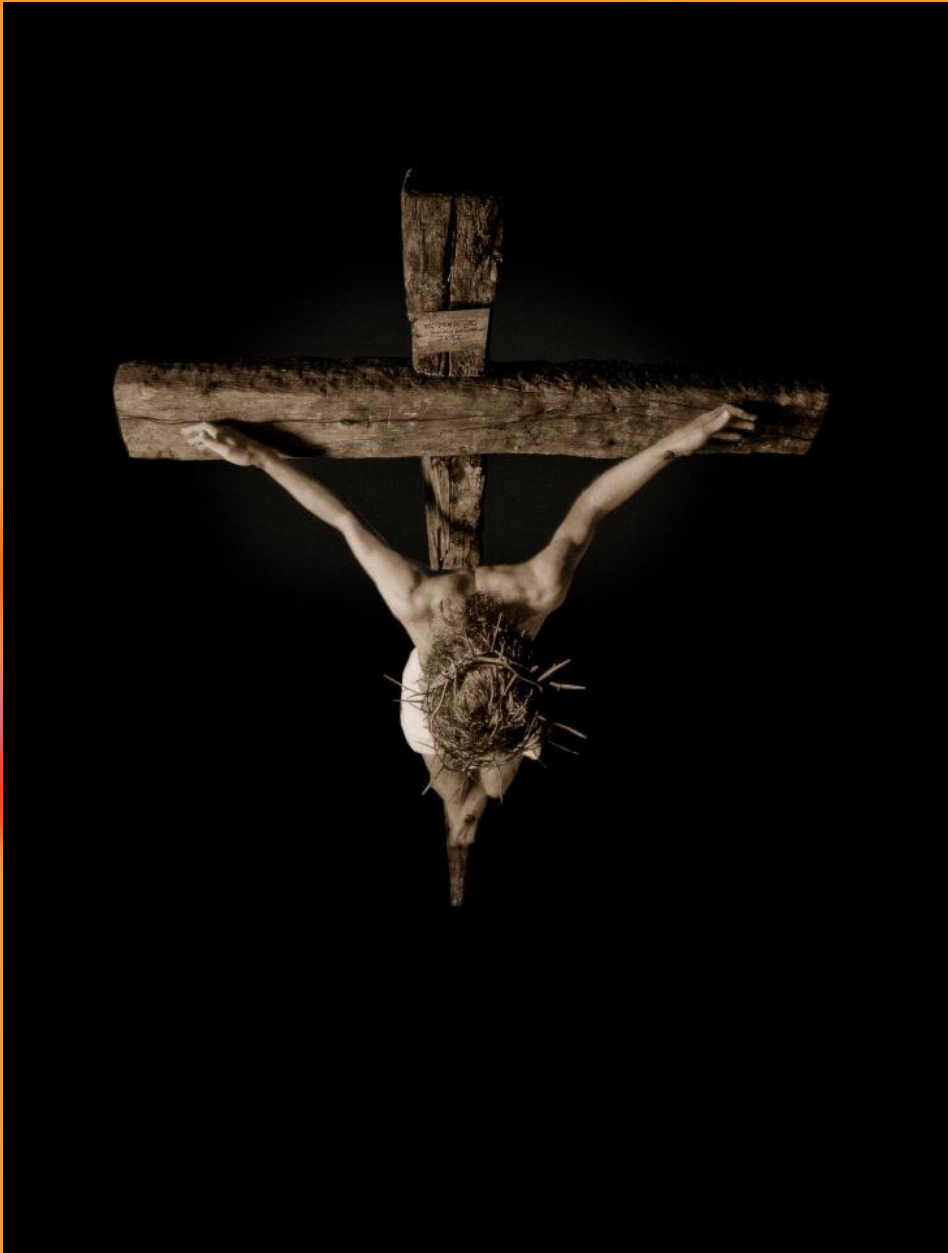




**Weird weather we're having.**



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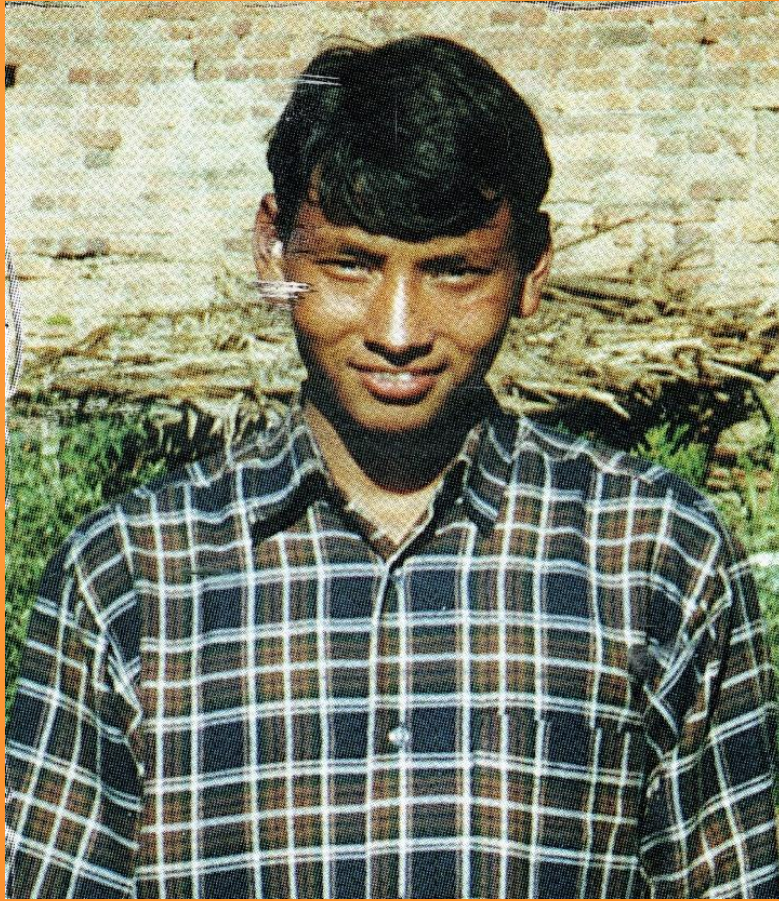


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**Jitendra is very different from his brothers. He told me, 'All my life I am going to serve the Lord. I don't need any inheritance.' I don't understand it, but these Christian people are very different.**



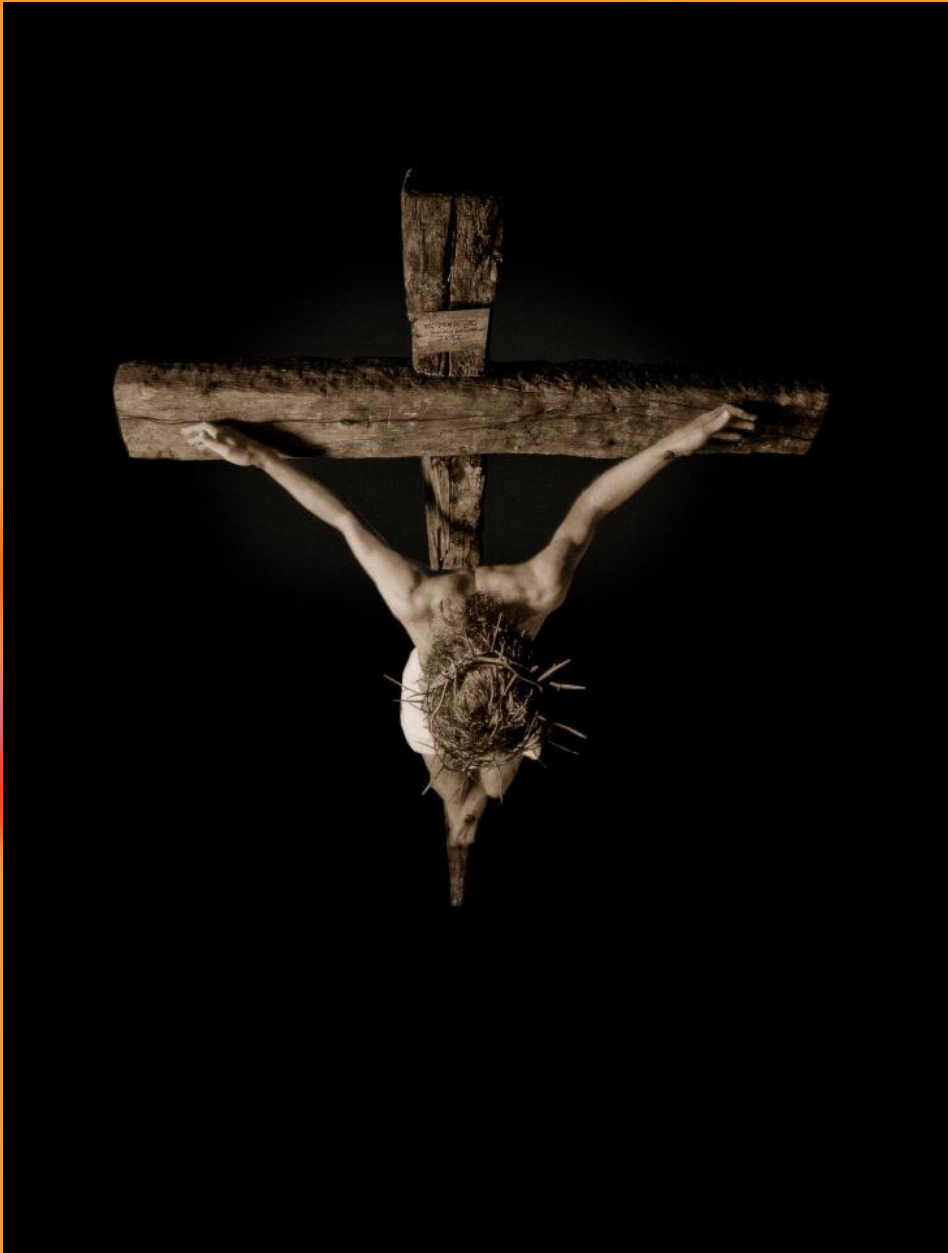


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**Carol Swain and Neya translating**



**The Yanomamis do not use metaphors like other languages, employing similes (like or as) instead. They also do not naturally use “light” symbolically, so the translation is meaningless without some explanation of how Jesus is light. So we put it like this: “I am like a thing that causes light for all people. If someone follows me, he won’t be like one who goes on a dark trail. Inside him will be a thing that gives light to his mind.”**





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**37** Even though he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. **38** This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet, who said:

*Lord, who has believed our message?*

*And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? [Isaiah 53]*

**39** This is why they were unable to believe, because Isaiah also said:

***40** He has blinded their eyes*

*and hardened their hearts,*

*so that they would not see with their eyes*

*or understand with their hearts,*

*and turn,*

*and I would heal them. [Isaiah 56; 6]*



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**<sup>44</sup> Jesus cried out, “The one who believes in me believes not in me, but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup> And the one who sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me would not remain in darkness. <sup>47</sup> If anyone hears my words and doesn’t keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> The one who rejects me and doesn’t receive my sayings has this as his judge: The word I have spoken will judge him on the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on my own, but the Father himself who sent me has given me a command to say everything I have said. <sup>50</sup> I know that his command is eternal life. So the things that I speak, I speak just as the Father has told me.”**

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**<sup>1</sup> I want to stir up your sincere understanding by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> so that you recall the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the command of our Lord and Savior given through your apostles.**

**2 Peter 3 CSB**



courtesy WTH; notice the darkened and faded impact



**Many Christians are...allowing their “gay” relationships to dictate their theology and sexual ethics, rather than have Jesus and the apostolic witness to him determine our choices. In my 30 years of ministry, I’ve seen pastors, small group leaders, BSF teachers, and decades-long faithful pew-sitters begin to slide away because someone close to them identifies as LGBT. Whether it’s a child, sibling, neighbor, or friend, the ultimatum is clear: affirm me or affirm God’s truth. You have to choose. Too often, Christians choose the affirming people option... In the name of preserving the relationship, they forfeit the truth. But biblically, the exact opposite should be true. We’re called to love, but never to affirm sin. In fact, we often love them best by condemning the sin.**

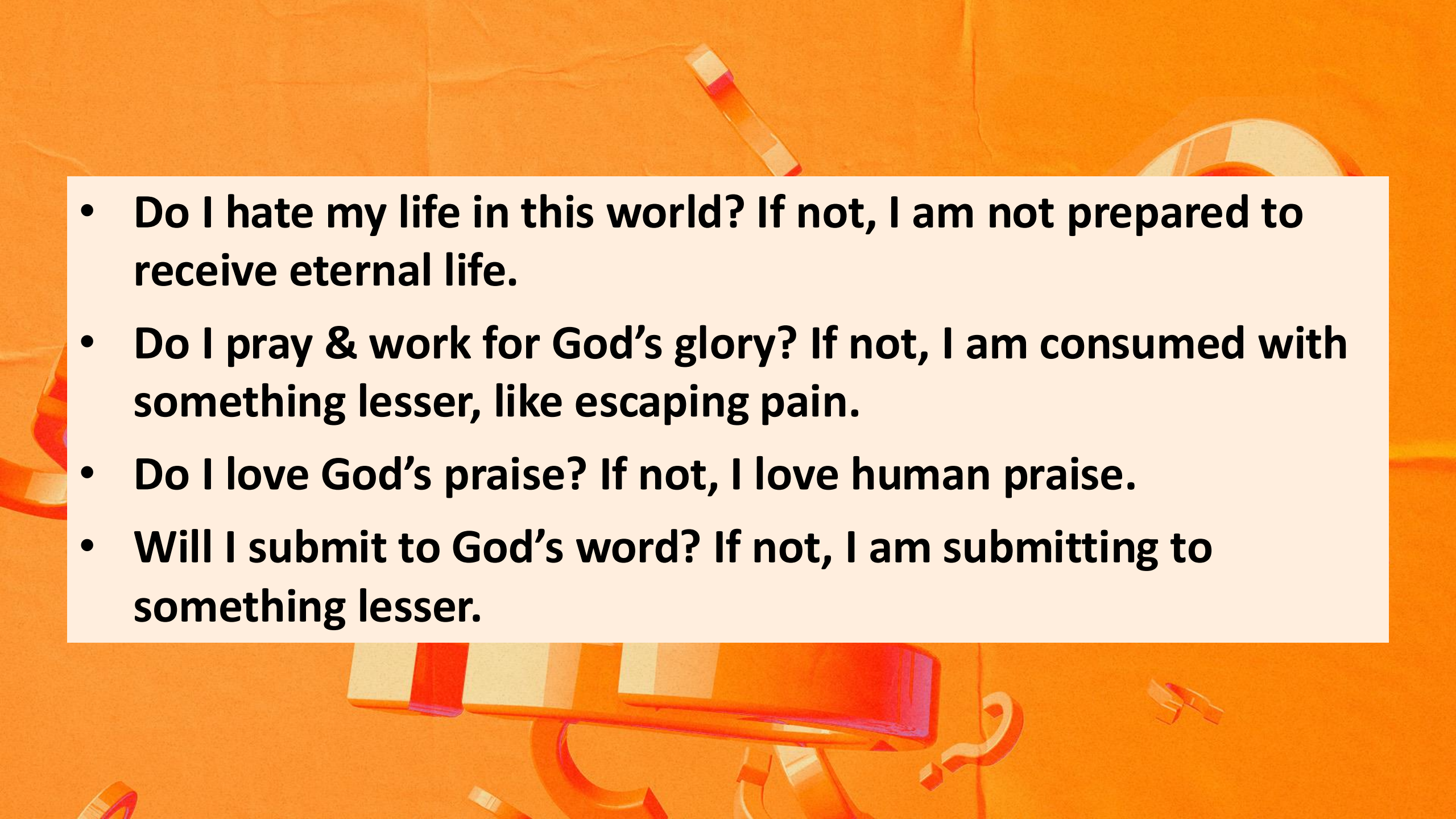
**– Katy Faust**







**In the beginning I misunderstood  
But now I've got it, the word is good  
Give the word a chance to say  
That the word is just the way  
"The Word" John Lennon & Paul McCartney**

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- The background is a vibrant orange with a crumpled paper texture. It features several pieces of translucent tape and torn paper edges, giving it a collage-like appearance. A white rectangular box is centered on the page, containing a list of four bullet points.
- **Do I hate my life in this world? If not, I am not prepared to receive eternal life.**
  - **Do I pray & work for God's glory? If not, I am consumed with something lesser, like escaping pain.**
  - **Do I love God's praise? If not, I love human praise.**
  - **Will I submit to God's word? If not, I am submitting to something lesser.**





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